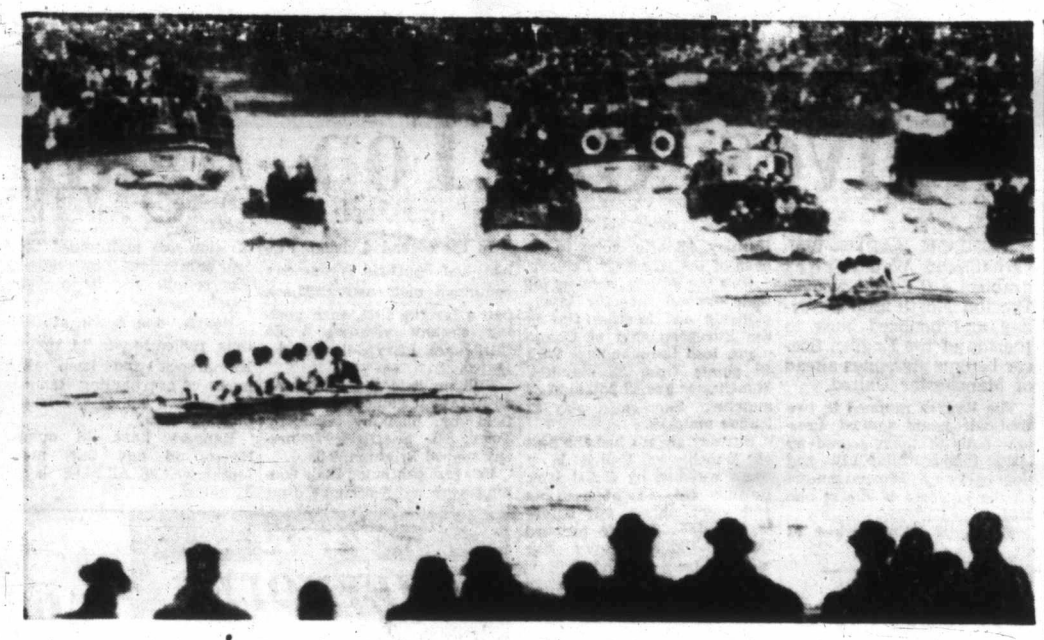

Oxford Rowers Stroke into Lead

Upset victors in the 105th annual competition between the schools, Oxford's crew (foreground) gets off to a good lead against their rivals from Cambridge in their race down the River Thames. Oxford was timed in 18 minutes, 52 seconds, compared to 19 minutes, 10 seconds for Cambridge.—(AP Photofax)

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Oxford by Six Lengths Over Cambridge Oarsmen

LONDON (CP)—Oxford defeated Cambridge Saturday in their annual boat race.

The Oxford University crew beat Cambridge for the first time in five years in the 130-year-old boating classic on the Thames.

Oxford's crew seized an early lead on the four-mile, 374-yard course from Putney to Mortlake in suburban London and breezed across the finish line with a commanding edge.

The winning margin was six lengths.

Oxford took the lead in the first 300 yards and never gave up an inch of it. The lead was increased steadily.

Official time was 18.52 for Oxford and 19.10 for Cambridge.

Thousands of spectators lined the Thames banks in sunny weather for the classic which was first run in 1829. Millions of others watched on television.

The victory for the Dark Blues made the score for the 105 races 46 victories for Oxford and 58 for Cambridge's Light Blues. There was a dead heat in 1877.

Oxford abandoned experiments with American style this year for the more orthodox British methods of a longer stroke and more bend in the back.

The victors used the American-inspired "banana boat" of last year but altered its design to conform with the British shells.

34 Straight

Ireland's Ron Delany chalked up his 34th straight indoor mile victory last night in Chicago, winning the Bankers' mile of the Chicago relays for the third straight time. He was clocked in 4:06.4.

Alberni Given Jolt; Speidel Sidelined

ALBERNI, B.C. (CP)—Alberni Athetics' big gun, playing-coach Elmer Speidel, was sidelined Saturday, just 24 hours before the team was to leave for Lethbridge, Alta., for the Western Senior A Basketball tournament.

The Athletics will meet Southern Alberta Wednesday night in the first game.

Speidel's left knee gave way during a practice session Friday night. Doctors told him he couldn't play, although he will accompany the team as coach.

Four other Alberni stars, Ken Larson, Doug Brinham, Lance Stephens and Al Brown, have colds. But all four plan to make the trip and hope to be in top shape in time for the tournament.

Matt Baldwin Drops Final of Carspiel

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. (CP)—Bayne Secord's Saskatoon rink won the cars at the annual Swift Current carspiel, defeating three-time Canadian champion Matt Baldwin of Edmonton in straight matches in a best-of-three final.

Secord won the first game 7-6 Friday night and then overcame a narrow lead in the second game to whip the Edmonton rink 12-5. Secord finished in blazing style, scoring a five-ender in the tenth and a three-ender in the eighth.

Saturday Secord wrapped up the game in the tenth end and made it an exciting climax to a full week of curling for the cars.

On skip Secord's rink were Garnet Campbell, Bill Evans, and Vern Larson.

The defeats were the first in the bonspiel for Baldwin, who was a heavy favorite to win.

BABE RUTH MEETING

Meeting of Babe Ruth Baseball League managers and coaches will be held Tuesday at 1050 Yates St., starting at 8 p.m. Anyone interested is asked to attend.

Vic Paddlers Take Trophy

Victoria High School batsmen won the annual senior high school table tennis tournament yesterday, winning 39 of 64 games at the Club Sirocco to capture the Colonist Cup.

Oak Bay High was second with a 33-31 record and Mt. Douglas third, 24-40.

Rick Gough of Mt. Douglas was high individual winner with a 15-1 record. Scorers, with won-lost records, follow:

Oak Bay—Dennis Page (13-3), Michael Sampson (12-4), Robin Bugg (4-12), Bruce Graham (4-12). Total 33-31.
Victoria High—Rick Pye (12-4), Allan Chin (8-8), Albert Mar (9-7), Ray Harris (10-6). Total 39-25.
Mt. Douglas—Rick Gough (15-1), Val MacPhail (4-12), Ted Hargreaves (3-13), Harry Lum (2-14). Total 24-40.

Baylor's Free Throw Dashes Hawks' Hopes

Amazing Elgin Baylor led Minneapolis Lakers to a stunning 98-97 upset overtime victory over St. Louis Hawks in St. Louis last night and left the Lakers with a chance to wrap up their western division National Basketball Association playoff in today's nationally-televised game.

Baylor scored 36 points and held Hawks' Cliff Hagen to 15. He scored seven of the Lakers' eight points in the overtime session, and got the winning point with a free throw with 27 seconds remaining to give the Lakers a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven playoff.

Bob Pettit scored 36 points and was the game's leading rebounder, but got little help from the rest of the Hawks. The Hawks had won 18 straight on their home court and 26 out of 27 under coach Ed Macauley until the upset.

Meanwhile, veteran Bob Cousy guided Boston Celtics to a 129-108 victory over Syracuse Nationals for a 3-2 edge in the best-of-seven eastern division final.

Cousy got 27 points and backcourt mate Bill Sharman added 26.

Registration for minor lacrosse players between the ages of 9 and 14 will be held at Stevenson Park Saturday at 10 a.m.

Esquimalt, Gorge In Sudden-Death

Esquimalt and Gorge Hotel meet this afternoon at Heywood Park in a sudden-death Victoria and District Football League semi-final.

Game time is 2.30.

Oak Bay Beaten In Rugby Finale

VANCOUVER—Vancouver's Lord Byng High School retained the B.C. high school rugby title here yesterday with an 8-0 victory over Oak Bay High of Victoria.

Ian Borland and Herb Walker scored tries for the Byngs, who led 3-0 at the half. Team captain Harry Schrieber, who had missed three penalty kicks, converted Walker's try to complete the scoring.

Oak Bay missed several good scoring chances when its scrum was unable to penetrate Byng's five-yard line. Pick of the visitors were Doug Gilmour, Wayne Farmer and Art Roberts.

Nanaimo Wins Pee Wee Crown

NANAIMO (AP)—Nanaimo won the Pacific Coast pee wee hockey championships Saturday, defeating New Westminster 12-8 in a two-game total-point series here.

Losing the first game Friday 6-1, the New Westminster team defeated Nanaimo in the second contest 7-6.

Flyers Win Peewee Title

Flyers defeated Royals, 4-3, yesterday at Memorial Arena after three periods of overtime to win the city peewee hockey championship.

Tej Dhillon, with two goals, Brent Atkins and Gord Strongman, who scored the winning goal, were the Flyers marksmen.

For Royals, Mike Smithers, Gary Day and Don Robertson were the scorers.

The Greater Victoria Minor Hockey Association's windup banquet, at which crests and trophies will be presented, will be held April 9 at the Britannia Branch of the Canadian Legion at 7.30 p.m.

Soccer Tournament Helps Minor Teams

Despite weather conditions that kept crowds at a minimum, the annual two-day juvenile soccer tournament has been termed by officials as "an unqualified success."

Les Isaacson, president of the Lower Island Junior and Juvenile Soccer Association, reported at the conclusion of yesterday's nine games that the tourney had netted about $875 to be used to promote the sport next season.

There were several close games both Good Friday and yesterday at Royal Athletic Park. Perhaps the best of the lot was the Div. VII Lower Island final, in which Gyros and Hampton Eagles fought to a 1-1 overtime draw.

ON PENALTY KICK

Kevin Costain scored for Gyros on a penalty kick with one minute remaining in regulation time after Ron Armstrong had tallied for Eagles.

The clubs also finished with seven corner kicks each, forcing a replay Tuesday at Royal Athletic Park at 6 p.m.

In yesterday's senior league game, Canadian all-stars edged European all-stars, 4-3, on two goals by George Robbins and singles by Jere Booth and Ced Robb. Ken Hibbert, with two goals, and Bill Ackinclose were the European marksmen.

AS EXPECTED

Friday's Times vs. Colonist all-star game for the Tony Hope Memorial Trophy ended, as expected, in a 2-0 victory for the Colonist side. Ced Robb and Dick Nellestijn scored first-half goals for the win, and fine goaltending by Al Davies, coupled with standout defencive chores by Len Anderson, Joe Robbins and Pete Moran preserved the win.

In ceremonies yesterday, John Youson was presented with the McLaren Trophy as the Div. I player best combining sportsmanship and ability; and Britannia Legion of Div. IV won the President's Cup as the best team in the tourney. Complete results follow:

Eagles (III)—John Roston 2, Jim Clark, Asbjorn Waldal. Total—4.
Colwood Pharmacy—No score.

Eagles (IV)—Maeva Singh.
ANAF Vets (IV)—No score.

Esquimalt Lions (V)—Ron Hodson.
Hampton Eagles (V)—No score.

Optimists (V)—Bob Moffatt, Norm Pite, Greg Spaven. Total—3.
Saanich Thistles—Peter Alexander.

Evening Optimists (VI)—Ron Lacy 2.
Majestic Royals (VI)—No score.

Bullen (VII)—Terry Hope, Terry Fea.
Lansdowne (VII)—No score.

Optimists (I)—Pat Muicahy, Jim Peters, Allan Glen, Murray Superle. Total—4.
Heaneys—No score.

FRIDAY

Britannia Legion (IV)—John Dawson, Bob Moysey. Total—2.
ANAF Vets (IV)—No score.

Optimists (I)—Alan Glen, Tom Wyatt. Total—2.
Eagles (I)—Gary Lawrence.

Oak Bay Optimists (VI)—No score (awarded game on corner kicks).
Esquimalt Legion (VI)—No score.

Post Office (VI)—John Knowles 2, Russ Swinton. Total—3.
Windsor (VI)—Bobby Preston.

Reynolds Wolves (VII)—Garry Punt, Bill Kennedy, Bill Walton, Gary Druce. Total—4.
Central Viscounts (VII)—Dave Graas, Rubi Kuebler. Total—2.

Central Flyers (IV)—Jim Clark 4.
Eagles (IV)—No score.

Evening Optimists (VII) — Nolan 2, Schroader, West, Olstad. Total—5.
Victoria Tire (VI)—Dick Davidson 2, Don McIldoon, Rickie Stewart. Total—4.

Reynolds Eagles (V)—Norm Fieldhouse 4, Bob Walton 3, Murray Stevenson 2, Ron Crawford 2, Doug Bainbridge. Total—12.
Langford Legion (V)—No score.

Wallaces, Caps Tie

VANCOUVER (CP) — Wallaces and Capilanos sloshed their way through 90 minutes of gruelling soccer Friday to a 2-2 draw in the Province Cup final. The match will be replayed next Saturday.

It rained continually through the match, played before 2,000 fans, and Referee Dane Kulai called the game after 30 minutes of overtime.

Despite the bleak conditions both teams played all-out football throughout.

Dave Hutton and Jim Blundell scored for Wallaces while Stu Crossan got both goals for Capilanos.

Both teams tired visibly during the closing stages. As the game neared the end of regulation time the teams elected to shoot from well out.

SWIM PRACTICES

All YMCA swimmers making the trip to Yakima for the Pacific Northwest championships next Thursday are asked to report to practice sessions at the YMCA pool Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 a.m.

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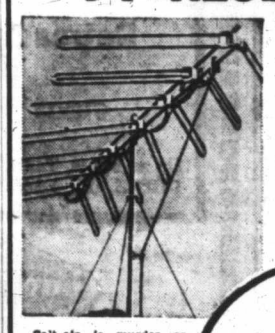

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